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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday December 2, 2015. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 9:23 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
LORI KEITH	Present
DAVID BANK	Present
BRUCE A. SPICER	Present

Also present were: Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff; Michela Ross, Government Rep.

OPENING STATEMENT "Reading of the Sunshine Law" **A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT:**

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on September 24, 2014. A schedule of all 2015 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2015 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the website.

Public Comments: Kathy Borsuk, New Jersey Chapter, President (AMTA) appeared to request that past minutes be placed on the Board's website.

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. October 28, 2015

**Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to approve the October 28, 2015 Public Session Minutes as written.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

II. LEGISLATION

Bills

1. Senate Bill S-3220

Bill S-3220 establishes a secure, statewide, integrated, de-identified population health data system to improve the health, safety, security and well being of New Jersey residents and the cost-efficiency of government programs.

The Board determined that there was not enough information to meaningfully make a comment and decided to table this matter until the January 27, 2016 meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sally Hacking, FSMTB Director of Government Relations RE: Board Invitation

Sally Hacking, FSMTB Director of Government Relations, appeared before the Board, along with her colleague, Brock Ingmire to provide the Board with updates on projects from FSMTB. Ms. Hacking provided the Board an updated list of state licensure and renewal requirements. She also provided the FSMTB Model Practice Act, section 302, qualifications for licensure by endorsement, and an update on qualifications for massage therapists from the State of Maine .

2. In Touch with FSMTB October 2015

The Board considered this as informational material.

3. FSMTB RE: Change to Board of Directors

The Board considered this as informational material.

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION

1. Licensure Requirements

The Board discussed the requirements for licensure by education, specifically transcripts, to insure that applicants for initial licensure to practice massage therapy in New Jersey, and who, received their education in another state are in compliance with the Board's current regulations.

2. States currently approved by the Board for licensure by Endorsement

Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to accept candidates for licensure by endorsement provided that the licensee's status is current and in good standing. The Board determined to accept each State's regulations as they are currently written when reviewing applicants for endorsement. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Massage programs approved by the New Jersey Department of Education

The Board tabled this matter for its January 27, 2016 meeting.

4. Update on the New Jersey Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy's 2015 Resolution presented to FSMTB

Upon a motion made Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to have Board Chair Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian contact Dr. Persinger from the Federation to inquire about the Board's next steps regarding pursuing its resolution previously submitted to FSMTB. The vote was unanimous.

V. FINAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF LICENSURE (With Response)

1. Gregory T. Burns, Jr.; Applicant ID# 1857453
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed August 27, 2015

Upon a motion made by Bruce Spicer and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted that a letter be sent by Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni to Mr. Burns advising him to apply again after two (2) years from the filing of the Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed on August 27, 2015. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF LICENSURE (No Response)

1. Miriam Colgan-Baez; Applicant ID# 1808604
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed June 25, 2015

Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni informed the Board that service was made. A motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to affirm and finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure by default with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Maehwa Cho; Applicant ID# 1826979
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed July 23, 2015

Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni informed the Board that service was made.

Upon a motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to affirm and finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure by default with no modifications.

A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VII. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE (With Response)

1. Alexandra Evans; License No. 18KT00636500
Provisional Order of Discipline filed July 23, 2015

Deputy Attorney General Barbara Lopez counseled the Board on this matter.

Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to finalize the Provisional Order of Discipline for suspension until she responds to the Board inquiry by providing a narrative statement, documentation of court disposition and a payment in the amount of \$250.00 civil penalty for failure to cooperate with a Board investigation.

A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

1. Maurice Stockley, SR: License No. 18KT00570400
Final Order of Discipline filed January 12, 2015

The Board reviewed the Final Order of Discipline for Mr. Stickley and accepted this as informational.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:08 P.M. Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Boards' regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the Executive Session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 P.M.

A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,
Executive Director